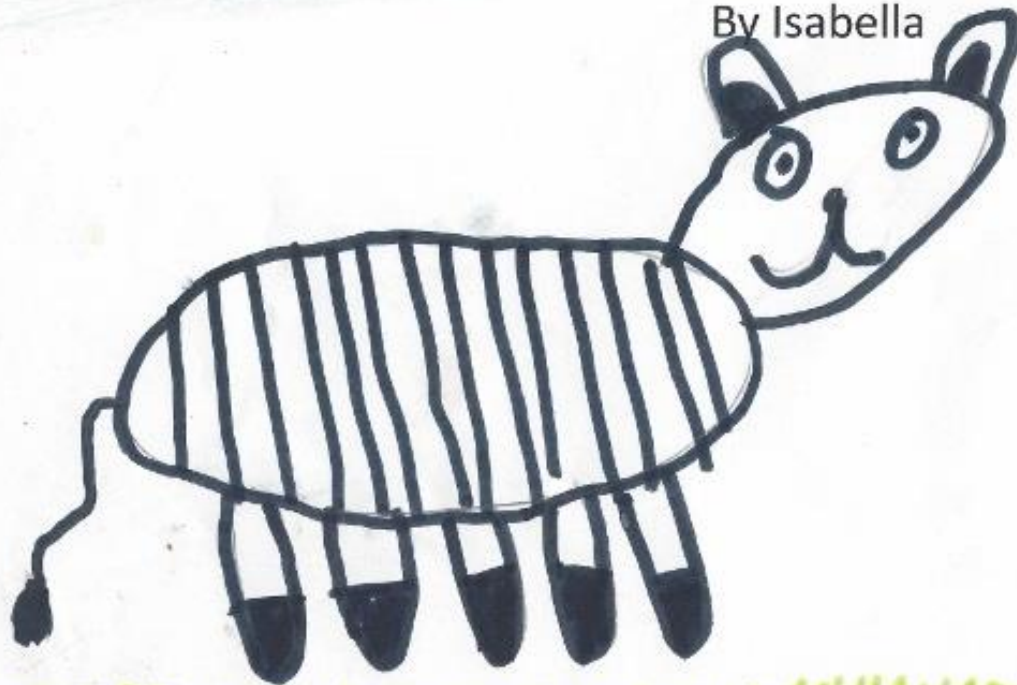


# The Forgetful Zebra

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One spring day, Stripes the Zebra was going from her house to the lake to get some water. She was running really fast on the African savannah and not looking where she was going. Bonk! She hit a tree. All of sudden she forgot where she was and what she needed to do.



Then Stripes ran into Dennis while he was going to his mom and dad's house. Dennis yelled, "Watch where you're going!"

Stripes mumbled to herself, "Why did he yell at me?"

"Are you ok?" asked Dennis.

"No, I'm lost and can't remember anything," said Stripes.

"Well you can hang out with me," said Dennis.

They hung out for a long time. So long in fact that Stripe's body started to turn brown like the deer. But one day when Dennis wasn't watching carefully, Stripes wandered off.



Then Stripes was walking along day dreaming. Stripes ran into a tree that Goldie the Giraffe was eating her lunch in. Stripes knocked down the tree.

Goldie got mad and hollered, "You should look out where you're going for animals and plants because you could hurt them like my tree."

So Stripes said, "Well I didn't mean to. I didn't see you."

"Where are you supposed to be anyways?" asked Goldie.

"I wish I knew, but I don't know," said Stripes.

"Well if you don't know you could come to my house," said Goldie.

They hung out so long that Stripes started changing. Each day her head started becoming like Goldie's head. She also started getting taller too.





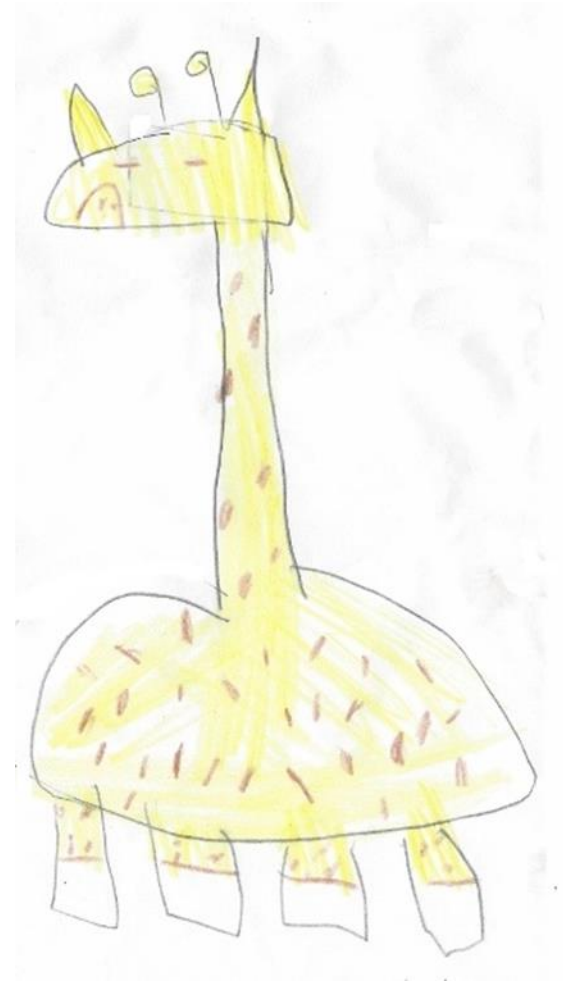
One day while Goldie was taking a nap, Stripes wandered off again. So Goldie went to find her when she woke up. She asked many animals and they didn't know.

Finally she asked a deer named Dennis, "Have you seen an animal that has zebra striped legs and a brown body?"

"YES that's who I'm looking for. She is my friend," said Dennis.

"Oh, she's one of my best friends too," said Goldie.

Dennis and Goldie didn't know what to do with Stripes missing. Then finally it all came up to Dennis. He finally figured out a plan.



Dennis said, “We can go ask Martin the martial eagle. He can fly high and see very well.”

Dennis and Goldie walked to his tree where his nest is built. Martin was taking a nap in his nest when they got there.

Dennis Yelled “MARTIN!”

“What huh?!” said Martin as he almost fell out his nest. “Oh, hello Dennis.”

“Can you help us find our friend? She has a brown body and zebra legs,” said Dennis.

“That’s strange, but I can help you,” replied Martin.

Martin flew off into the sky searching for Stripes. A half hour later Martin spotted Stripes being chased by a hyena.

“You’re not a deer, a giraffe, or a zebra. You’re a freak.” hyena said laughing.

Stripes cried and tried to run away. Hyena kept following her and laughing.



Martin tried to stop hyena chasing stripes, but hyena just kept following her. Martin called Dennis and Goldie's name really loud. They heard it and ran as fast as they could.

Martin said, "Follow me Stripes."

Stripes said, "Ok"

As they tried to get away from hyena, Dennis and Goldie found them and chased off hyena.



Stripes cried, “Hyena is right, I’m nothing, I’m just lunatic, I’m not a zebra, deer, or giraffe. I don’t even deserve to be called Stripes anymore!”

Goldie said, “Don’t cry. how cool is it that you get to be all of these animals? I wish I could be just like you.”

Dennis said, “You’re my best friend. Don’t listen to that mean hyena.”

“Maybe you’re not Stripes anymore,” said Martin.

“What?!” said Stripes.

Dennis said, “The name Stripes isn’t cool enough for you. It should be Okapi.”

“Yeah, I love that name. That’s what your name should be!” exclaimed Goldie.

Stripes stopped crying and started smiling. “Yeah I love that name. I want that to be my new name!”

Dennis, Goldie, and Okapi all came to be best friends. That’s how Okapis came to be.

